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East Beds Charity Cup Final Spot for Elstow Abbey.14th March 2012.

Wednesday night action under Biggleswade United's Second Meadow floodlights saw Elstow Abbey make their way into the final of this season East Beds Charity Cup with a 4-0 semi-final win over Ickwell & Old Warden.

Ahead via a Ed L'Erario strike after just four minutes, their lead was double with a goal from Aran Cavil just five minutes from half-time and it was game over for the men from The Green when L'Erario added his second goal of the night 20 minutes into the second period.

Abbey sealing their victory right on the final whistle when Travis Joseph treated the crowd to the goal of the game from some 35yards out to make it 4-0

They will now face the winners of the Gamlingay v Caldecote tie being played at Second Meadow, Biggleswade United FC this coming Wednesday 21st March 2012 Kick Off 7.45pm.

Action Round-Up Saturday 17th March 2012.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

There is no change at the head of the Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table following victories for all of the leading three clubs. League leaders Shefford Town & Campton making it eight wins on the bounce and retaining their seasons unbeaten home ways with an 8-0 thrashing of Woburn. Andrew Hayday helping himself to a hat-trick and supported by goals from Dan Webb, Chris Clarke, Michael Jones, Ryan Lewis plus an Adam Larsen penalty.

For second place Bedford Hatters it was a 3-0 home win over Flitwick Town, an own goal plus strikes from Scott Alleyne and Richard Cook stretching the Hatters unbeaten ways up to seven games to keep them a point ahead of Caldecote who ran out 4-2 home winners over Oakley Sports. Two goals from Tom Cookman including one from the penalty spot plus strikes from Dave Daniels and Mark Phillips only being replied to by Shaun Barnett and Paul Beattie.

Now up into fourth spot in the league standings above Oakley Sports are Renhold United, for them it was a fifth away win on the bounce to take their current unbeaten league run to 12 games with a 6-1 victory at Dunton. Warren Bentley, Ollie Housden, Sheldon Washington, Justin Patterson, Kane Alexander and Tommy Foyle all finding the back of the net against a lone home reply from Liam Brophy.

Elsewhere at Jubilee Playing Fields, Wilshamstead and AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College played out a 2-2 draw. Brad Smith and Matthew Davison on the home scoresheet against Town replies from Joe Willie and Kegan Roberts.

Alas for the second consecutive weekend, Blunham failed to raise a side and as a result their scheduled game at Sharnbrook was postponed and perhaps puts the jeopardy of their future into serious doubt.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 17th March 2012

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	HOME	AWAY	OVERALL	GD	PTS
			WDLF A	WDLF A	WDL F A		
1	Shefford Town & Campton	19	8 1 0 38 9	8 0 2 35 11	16 1 2	73	20 53 49
2	Bedford Hatters	21	7 1 3 26 16	7 2 1 29 19	14 3 4	55	35 20 45
3	Caldecote	19	8 0 1 34 12	6 2 2 30 15	14 2 3	64	27 37 44
4	Renhold United	19	5 3 2 25 17	5 0 4 20 11	10 3 6	45	28 17 33
5	Oakley Sports	20	4 4 3 19 13	4 3 2 31 16	8 7 5	50	29 21 31
6	Arlesey Town Reserves	21	4 2 3 11 10	5 1 6 22 25	9 3 9	33	35 -2 30
7	Wilshamstead	21	3 2 5 21 26	5 3 3 23 20	8 5 8	44	46 -2 29
8	Blunham	21	7 0 4 27 22	1 2 7 12 30	8 2 11	39	52 -13 26
9	AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College	20	3 1 5 19 27	3 4 4 20 26	6 5 9	39	53 -14 23
10	Sharnbrook	20	3 3 4 16 23	3 1 6 13 30	6 4 10	29	53 -24 22
11	Flitwick Town	21	3 1 7 16 26	2 3 5 15 20	5 4 12	31	46 -15 19
12	Dunton	21	3 2 6 15 26	1 1 8 10 28	4 3 14	25	54 -29 15
13	Woburn	21	1 2 8 19 42	1 0 9 9 35	2 2 17	28	77 -49 8

Division One.

The top scorers of the day were league leaders Ickwell & Old Warden who made it six wins on the bounce and retained their seasons unbeaten home ways with a 7-0 victory over Meltis Albion. Lee Threadgold leading the way with a hat-trick, Andrew Vallom hitting a brace, plus there were single strikes from Anup Kalyan and Matthew McCartney.

Just goal difference behind the men from The Green are Marston Shelton Rovers, for them it was the taking of their unbeaten away ways up to nine games with a 5-2 victory at Caldecote Reserves. Dan Bullen with a brace plus strikes from Xennan Paul, Peter Kerr and Bradley Cotton only being replied to by Stuart Kemp and Andrew Spiers.

However, now in third spot are Bedford Sports Athletic, for them it was league win number six on the bounce and a retention of their unbeaten away ways with a 5-4 win at Sandy. Gary Canzano netting twice alongside single strikes from Ashley Mead, Paul Garrad and Asa Mead which outweigh home goals from Dan Stafford with a brace plus strikes from Mark Jennings and Ian Hammett.

Losing out on that third spot and tasting defeat for the first time in 14 outings were Lidlington United Sports who were beaten 2-0 at FC Meppershall, Joe Price netting both of the home goals.

Down at the other end of the league table, bottom place Westoning are now without a win in their last 10 outings after going down at home to Luton Boys 6-0. Kane Griffith and Jason

Blake both scoring twice, whilst there were single goals for Famik Stephen-Gabril and Steve O'Dell.

Elsewhere, Lea Sports PSG took their unbeaten ways up to 10 games when sharing the spoils in a 2-2 home draw with Kings AFC. Andre Juraszek netting both of their goals which were cancelled out by strikes from Chris Greene and Ryan Smith.

The days final game in this division seeing a lone goal from Joseph Ogunremi being good enough to secure AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College Reserves a 1-0 home win over Henlow.

Division One League Table at 17th March 2012

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	HOME	AWAY	OVERALL	GDPTS
			WDL F A	WDL F A	WDL F A	
1	Ickwell & Old Warden	19	8 2 0 349 6	2 1 3216144	1 662541	46
2	Marston Shelton Rovers	22	6 3 1 27137	4 1 2612137	2 532528	46
3	Bedford SA	19	7 0 2 32137	3 0 2914143	2 612734	45
4	Lidlington United Sports	20	8 3 0 39114	3 2 1814126	2 572532	42
5	Sandy	22	5 3 4 41276	1 3 2420114	7 654718	37
6	FC Meppershall	20	5 3 3 34184	2 3 21169	5 6 553421	32
7	Henlow	22	3 3 5 25305	2 4 19188	5 9 4448-4	29
8	Luton Boys	21	5 3 3 36242	2 6 29377	5 9 65614	26
9	Lea Sports PSG	21	2 6 3 20192	6 2 16124	125 36315	24
10	Caldecote Reserves	18	5 1 3 31221	2 6 15316	3 9 4653-7	21
11	AFC Kempston Tn & Bedford Coll Reserves	22	3 2 4 11163	1 9 22446	3 133360-27	21
12	Kings AFC	20	2 2 6 17291	2 7 22453	4 133974-35	13
13	Meltis Albion	21	0 1 8 3 323	2 7 17543	3 152086-66	12
14	Westoning	23	1 1 1017401	1 9 13342	2 193074-44	8

Division Two

Again, there is no change at the head of the division two league standings following wins for the top three clubs. Elstow Abbey upholding their six point lead at the top of the table and retaining their seasons unbeaten ways with a 2-1 home victory over Co-op Sports. Ed L'Erario netting twice in the opening 14 minutes before a penalty from James Potter on 35 minutes completed the days scoring.

For second place AFC Turvey, it was a retention of their seasons 100% away record with a 2-1 win at M & DH Oakley. Tim Clarke and David Smith on the scoresheet against a home reply from Dan Gherlin.

Elsewhere, third place Pavenham notched up win number five on the bounce and took their unbeaten ways to nine games with a 3-1 victory at Clifton. James Owen, Tim Bowers and Nick Atkins all finding the back of the net against a lone reply from Tony Norman.

Also winning 3-1 away from home and now unbeaten in their last five trips on the road are Potton United Reserves, they prevented Stopsley Park making it three home wins on the bounce when Sam Bonham netted twice and Steve Gibbons once against a lone Park reply from Shane Roberts.

Meanwhile, Sundon Park Rangers were another club enjoying life on the road with a 4-3 victory at Bromham United. Samuel Kehinde netting twice alongside Sam Chapman and Matthew Conway for The Rangers against home replies from Rueben Hukin, Rob Hewitt and Phil Kempself.

The days final scheduled game between Queens Park Crescents and Great Barford being postponed after The Crescents failed to raise a side to meet their bottom of table visitors.

Division Two League Table at 17th March 2012

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	HOME	AWAY	OVERALL	GD	Pts
			WDL F A	WDL F A	WDL F A		
1	Elstow Abbey	19	9 1 0	4 1 8	8 1 0	365	172 0 77 13 64 53
2	AFC Turvey	19	7 2 2	3 7 2	1 8 0	0 3 14	152 2 68 25 43 47
3	Pavenham	20	7 1 2	3 8 1	1 6 2	2 2 28 11	113 3 4 66 22 44 42
4	Bromham United	21	5 2 4	2 8 1	7 5 0	5 19 23	102 9 47 40 7 32
5	Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	18	4 2 3	3 3 1	6 5 2	2 2 26 21	9 4 5 59 37 22 31
6	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	21	5 1 4	2 6 2	4 4 3	4 15 23	9 4 8 41 47 -6 31
7	Potton United Reserves	19	5 0 2	1 7 1	7 4 2	6 26 25	9 2 8 43 42 1 29
8	Co-op Sports	19	6 2 4	3 2 2	6 3 0	4 13 22	9 2 8 45 48 -3 29
9	Queens Park Crescents	20	4 3 3	2 4 1	8 3 3	4 24 34	7 6 7 48 52 -4 27
10	Stopsley Park	21	3 1 6	2 0 3	1 4 2	5 30 32	7 3 11 50 63 -13 24
11	Marabese Ceramics	19	3 2 4	1 2 1	5 2 2	6 13 22	5 4 10 25 37 -12 19
12	M & DH Oakley	19	2 0 5	1 0 2	0 4 0	8 16 36	6 0 13 26 56 -30 18
13	Clifton	24	1 2 9	1 1 2	9 4 1	7 17 32	5 3 16 28 61 -33 18
14	Great Barford	21	0 0 12	6 4 9	0 1 8	8 45 0	1 20 14 94 -80 1

Division Three

Cranfield United Reserves moved back on to the top of the division three league table when they extended their unbeaten away ways to 12 games and notched up away win number seven on the bounce with a 5-3 win at Kempston Hammers Sports. James Armstrong, Lewis Tompkins, Stuart Pearce, Dan Cockerton and Adam Kerr on the United scoresheet against Hammers replies from James Grandidge, Richard Garnham and Sanjeev Sandhu.

United taking over the top spot from Goldington who were beaten 4-3 at second from bottom of the table Flitwick Town, who thus ended a five game losing home run. Gary Stringer, Daryl Stringer, Ryan Short and Kevin Higby the Town goalscorers against a Kevin Evans hat-trick in reply.

For third place Renhold Village, it was a return to winning ways with a 3-2 home win over Riseley Sports. Daniel Avis, Marko Tubdzic and Ben Parratt goals for The Village only being replied to twice by Tom Ellison.

In fourth place still are Stevington, they made it six home wins on the bounce with a 3-2 home victory over Potton Town. Matt Coles, Simon Ellis and Sam King all finding the back of the net against Town replies from James Day and Jamie Hutchinson.

Finding life far from easy were fifth place Eastcotts AFC, with first half goals from James Pickard and Andy Palombella, Royal Oak Kempston looked set for their first home win in nine outings before in the second period a brace from Sean McFarland and a goal from Tony Milloti took Eastcotts to a 3-2 win.

Down at the other end of the table, bottom side Dunton Reserves lost their seventh consecutive home game when beaten 6-0 by Sundon Park Rangers Colts. Kevin Hilton with a brace plus goals from Ashley Wadhams, Michael Brunton, Rory McMullen and Robert Smith doing the damage.

Division Three League Table at 17th March 2012.

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	HOME			AWAY			OVERALL			GD	PTS						
			W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F			A					
1	Cranfield United Reserves	20	4	0	3	15	9	11	1	1	43	17	15	1	4	58	26	32	46
2	Goldington	22	8	1	2	42	20	5	3	3	27	17	13	4	5	69	37	32	43
3	Renhold Village	20	8	0	2	33	13	6	1	3	24	17	14	1	5	57	30	27	43
4	Stevington	21	10	0	2	38	15	4	1	4	18	20	14	1	6	56	35	21	43
5	Eastcotts AFC	20	7	0	2	24	17	6	0	5	25	23	13	0	7	49	40	9	39
6	Riseley Sports	18	5	2	2	25	17	4	3	2	19	13	9	5	4	44	30	14	32
7	Potton Town	22	6	4	3	22	17	3	0	6	23	29	9	4	9	45	46	-1	31
8	Wilshamstead Reserves	20	6	0	5	21	21	3	3	3	10	15	9	3	8	31	36	-5	30
9	Sundon Park Rangers Colts	17	3	1	3	20	11	6	0	4	37	16	9	1	7	57	27	30	28
10	Kempston Hammers Sports	22	4	3	5	22	30	3	0	7	23	29	7	3	12	45	59	-14	24
11	Westoning Reserves	21	3	0	7	17	29	3	2	6	22	26	6	2	13	39	55	-16	20
12	Royal Oak Kempston	21	1	1	9	14	38	5	0	5	17	18	6	1	14	31	56	-25	19
13	Flitwick Town Reserves	22	2	1	7	16	34	1	0	11	18	44	3	1	18	34	78	-44	10
14	Dunton Reserves	20	1	1	9	13	43	1	0	8	8	38	2	1	17	21	81	-60	7

Division Four

Having won their last 10 games, Marsh Leys had a chance to move to the top of the division four league table over the non playing Bedford Park Rangers with a home victory over Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves. However, it was not to be as they were required twice to come from behind to earn a share of the spoils in a 2-2 draw. Rob Brown on the scoresheet twice for the visitors against replies from Grant Williams and Lewis Osborne.

Still holding down third place are Clifton Reserves, for them it was win number seven on the bounce by the odd goal in five at Stewartby Village. Joe Marshall, Mitch Verdia and Vince Kernaghan on their scoresheet against home replies via Ryan Willis and Ben Sparks.

The biggest winners of the day were fifth place Thurleigh, for them it was a 10-2 victory at second bottom of the table Goldington Hammers. Matt Rogers and Josh Pierre St Claire with hat-tricks, Jared Pierre with a brace plus goals from Salvatore Ventriqlia and David Mulhill bringing about the double figures against Hammers replies from Joe Hubbard and Mohammed Kabir.

Just three goals behind them were Dinamo Flitwick who netted a 7-1 home victory over bottom table Dunton A. James Watson striking three times, Richard Hudson twice plus Dale Goldie and Gareth Loadman finding the back of the net against a lone reply from George Mitchell.

For third from bottom of the table Bedford Panthers it was a 3-1 home defeat at the hands of Kempston Athletic. Gary Whitbread with a brace plus Carl Catchpole doing the damage against a Panthers reply from Kevin Southby.

Elsewhere, also enjoying life on the road were Caldecote A, for them it was a 2-0 victory at Wootton Village. Gary Allum and Dan Fennel the goalscorers.

Whilst Sandy Reserves took their unbeaten away ways to four games by sharing the spoils in a 2-2 draw at Shefford Town & Campton A. Chris Gregory netting both goals to cancel out home strikes from Dan Fowler and Scott Dora.

Division Four League Table at 17th March 2012

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	HOME	AWAY	OVERALL	GDPTS
			WDLF A	WDL F A	WDL F A	
1	Bedford Park Rangers	19	7 1 1 30 129	0 1 44 17 161	2 74 29 45	49
2	Marsh Leys	20	7 2 2 32 158	1 0 34 9 153	2 66 24 42	48
3	Clifton Reserves	23	6 3 4 50 316	2 2 27 21 125	6 77 52 25	41
4	Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	22	6 1 2 18 116	3 4 35 26 124	6 53 37 16	40
5	Thurleigh	18	5 3 1 29 117	0 2 40 20 123	3 69 31 38	39
6	Stewartby Village	23	5 0 6 31 315	5 2 28 18 105	8 59 49 10	35
7	Sandy Reserves	23	3 1 6 25 397	3 3 36 32 104	9 61 71 -10	34
8	Caldecote A	21	4 4 3 38 264	2 4 24 24 8	6 7 62 50 12	30
9	Shefford Town & Campton A	22	5 1 5 25 293	3 5 24 29 8	4 10 49 58 -9	28
10	Wootton Village	22	4 2 5 20 233	1 7 21 25 7	3 12 41 48 -7	24
11	Kempston Athletic	22	4 1 6 25 243	2 6 24 41 7	3 12 49 65 -16	24
12	Dinamo Flitwick [former Reserves]	21	3 3 6 36 452	2 5 23 23 5	5 11 59 68 -9	20
13	Bedford Panthers	19	2 1 7 11 232	3 4 13 23 4	4 11 24 46 -22	16
14	Goldington Hammers	21	2 2 7 25 442	0 8 17 42 4	2 15 42 86 -44	14
15	Dunton A	22	1 2 7 13 371	0 11 11 58 2	2 18 24 95 -71	8

Preview for Saturday 24th March 2012.

The top action this weekend brings about the semi-final ties in this seasons Britannia, Centenary and Jubilee Cup plus the quarter-final ties in the Watson Shield.

In The Britannia Cup, holders Shefford Town & Campton host Woburn at Rectory Road for the second consecutive weekend and having now completed the league double over The Safari Boys it will be a major shock if they don't once again progress into the final. Whilst the second game sees Oakley Sports entertain AFC Kempston Town & Bedford College at their Oakley Playing Fields headquarters, the hosts having already achieved a league double over The Town perhaps the firm favourites to progress. Please note this game will kick off at 1pm.

In The Centenary Cup, at Bedford Road Recreation Ground, Sandy play hosts to Marston Shelton Rovers and with their league encounter at the same venue back in late January finishing in a 1-1 stalemate another close affair looks on the cards. The second tie comes at King George VI Playing Fields where Kings AFC play hosts to Ickwell & Old Warden. The visitors having already recorded 5-0 and 6-1 wins over their hosts in the league the firm favourites to progress to the final.

In The Jubilee Cup, at The Warren, Elstow Abbey play hosts to a Pavenham side that are currently unbeaten in their last nine outings and might just cause the upset of the day. Whilst AFC Turvey still unbeaten on the road this season journey to Stockwood Park to face Sundon Park Rangers who like Pavenham are quite capable of causing an upset.

In The Watson Shield its quarter-final day. The tie of the round looks to be the Mowsbury Park encounter between hosts Goldington and the visiting Renhold Village, their league meeting at the same venue ending all square back in late-November to suggest it might require more than 90 minutes before the semi-finalists become known.

Also in Mowsbury Park and looking for a spot of giant killing are division four Bedford Park Rangers who take on division three visitors Potton Town, a comment that also applies at The Bedford Hockey Centre where division four Bedford Panthers will achieve an even bigger shock should they lower the colours of high flying division three visitors Cranfield United Reserves.

With the final tie coming at Stevington Playing Fields where hosts Stevington will be looking to seek revenge for a league defeat at the hands of the visiting Sundon Park Rangers Colts just a month ago. However, that defeat was on The Colts own patch thus this tie like the other three could go either way.

A result of these cup ties means the Premier Division supported by Sportsform action is restricted to just a single game, this being an all important relegation battle at Steppingly Road between Flitwick Town now on a three game losing home run and the visiting Dunton who hit the road losers of their last four away games.

In Division One, the league programme is one of just three games. At Hurst Grove, Lidlington United Sports defend their seasons home unbeaten ways against the still to be beaten on the road Bedford Sports Athletic as both clubs strive for another three three points in their quest for the league crown.

Whilst over at Miller Road, Meltis Albion will be in search of their opening home win of the season when visited by a Caldecote Reserves outfit whose only away win of the campaign came at Westoning on the opening day of the season. Elsewhere at Chaul End Lane, hosts Luton Boys go in search of home win number four on the bounce against the visiting Lea Sports PSG who travel now unbeaten in their last seven trips on the road.

In Division Two, the league programme consists of just two games. At Shuttleworth College, Marabese Ceramics host the travelling Stopsley Park and at Oakley Playing Fields with a

3.30pm kick off, M & DH Oakley receive a visit from a Shefford Town & Campton Reserves side looking for away win number four on the bounce.

Likewise in Division Three its just a two game programme. At Horseshoes Close, Dunton Reserves look for only their second home win of the season when called upon by a Westoning Reserves side that are now unbeaten in their last two away trips. Yet the game of the day takes place at Weston Park, the venue at which hosts Eastcotts AFC now on a three game winning home run entertain fellow promotion candidates Riseley Sports.

In Division Four, the scheduled programme is of four games. At Keysoe Road, Thurleigh now unbeaten in their last six home league encounters receive a visit from fellow promotion hopefuls Stewartby Village. Whilst at Hinksley Recreation Ground, Dinamo Flitwick will have to be at their very best if they are to collect the full three points from the visiting Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves.

Meanwhile over in Hillgrounds, Kempston Athletic with just one home win from their last eight outings play hosts to fellow strugglers Goldington Hammers and subject to a suitable venue being found, Sandy Reserves will be playing hosts to the still unbeaten on the road and championship contenders Marsh Leys.